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"Undated notes on painting for pleasure". Original in own hand

The enriching habit of mind is Wonder. He who is always seeing old things with new eyes is never so dull as to pass things by unseen.

Watch those who have learned at all times to see colour and to respond to fine form and noble proportions - who see more than the rain in the cloud and more than the way in the meadow - who have learned to read the world as they go through it - these are the Art students. If the habit of wonder and patience in contemplation has been formly implanted - nothing afterward need rob that spirit of its eyes to see and seize satisfaction wherever it can. If it is not satisfied it will not rest until it has made conditions better - and so society grows by such criticism and such preference.

Stay the way you are in the realm of painting for joy - don't get confused with the professional aspect - it is growth like yours that really contributes the love of Art to your community.